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PATENT APPLICATION  
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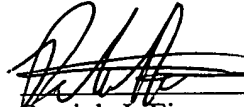
Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the subject application is an Amendment (9 pages) in response to the Office Action (paper #11) mailed May 23, 2002, and check no. 6148 in the amount of \$420.00 in payment for new claims in addition to claims already paid for, calculated as shown below.

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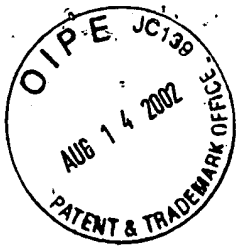
Respectfully submitted,

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**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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In response to the non-final Office Action mailed May 23, 2002, please amend the application as indicated below.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please add claims 31 - 44, as set forth below.

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31. (New) A method of determining access, the method comprising:  
receiving one or more requests to access a system; and  
for each request, determining whether to allow access to the system using an  
access vector comprised of one or more access indicators, wherein only one request at a  
time uses the access vector.

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